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Prof. Dr. Asa Gray Cambridge Mass.

My dear Sir,

Your kind favor of Jan. 29th has been duly received I thank you for the information.

I can well perceive that a monographe of the Genus Eriogonum keeps you busy. they are in their native haunts beautiful plants, but hard nuts to crack. I sincerely hope you will delay printing until you have seen those of my collection.

the collection is ready to go. Would it not be well to write to the Smithsonian to instruct their agent here to forward those boxes at once? they are very slow now. A box of cones for the Smithsonian was four months on the way.

Westermann & co sent me the receipted bill long ago. Steiger's bill is small and will be presented soon.

I am glad to hear that Gen. Mewin has begun in good faith to work up Grapes. I shall write to him and send him duplicates of all in my possession. The enclosed spikelets came very handy. the identical form I discovered this summer at Bear Valley at about 5000 feet alt. this was for the first time that I met with it on the higher Sierras.

Next week I will spend at Sonoma and my Summer vacation ~~along~~ on the western slope of the Sierras along the R Road. These localities are quite interesting.

A few days ago I received a letter from our friend Lesquereux; he is improving and thinking already of the study of Calif. mosses. I sincerely hope it will be so; for he is remarkable for his promptness. Mr. Sullivant did not write; he is however at some of my mosses. the drawings of the 2d Vol. of his Icones are nearly completed.

My school keeps me unfortunately so busy, that I can do but little field work, except during vacations.

Hoping to hear soon again from you

I remain
Yours
most sincerely
Henry N. Bolander.